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AT REQUEST OF PORTUGUESE CHARGE DA COSTA LOBO, UN HAS
CIRCULATED AS GA DOC A/10207 (AND SIMULTANEOUSLY AS SC
DOC S/11811) FOLLOWING LETTER DATED 21 AUG FROM PORTUGUESE
FONMIN FUIVO TO UNSYG WALDHEIM, CONCERNING SITUATION IN
ANGOLA:
QUOTE

1. AFTER REVOLUTION OF 25 APRIL 1974, PORTUGUESE GOVT
INITIATED A TRUE POLICY OF DECOLONIZATION, ACCEPTING
PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PEOPLES OF ITS COLONIAL
TERRITORIES AS EMBODIED IN RES 1514 (XV) OF 14 DEC 1960
OF UNGA.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NEW POLICY, PORTUGUESE GOVT
INVITED YOUR EXCELLENCY TO VISIT LISBON IN AUGUST 1974
IN ORDER TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING DECOLONIZATION
PROCESS IN TERRITORIES UNDER ITS ADMINISTRATION.

3. AFTER THESE DISCUSSIONS AND BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK,
YOUR EXCELLENCY RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM WHICH DEFINED PORTUGUESE
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POSITION CONCERNING DECOLONIZATION OF AFRICAN TERRITORIES,

IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 7/74 OF 24 JULY 1974
AND PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF 27 JULY 1974.

4. IN KEEPING WITH THIS POLICY, PORTUGUESE GOVT, IN A FORMAL
ACT IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH AFRICAN PARTY FOR
INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA AND CAPE VERDE (PAIGC) IN ALGIERS,
RECOGNIZED, DE JURE, REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AS AN
INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1974.

5. IN A SERIES OF MEASURES ADOPTED SINCE THEN, POR-
TUGUESE GOVT HAS GIVEN UNEQUIVOCAL PROOF OF ITS GENUINE WILL
TO CONCLUDE PROCESS OF DECLONIZATION OF TERRITORIES UNDER
ITS ADMINISTRATION. ACCORDINGLY, MOZAMBIQUE ATTAINED
INDEPENDENCE ON 25 JUNE 1975, CAPE VERDE ON 5 JULY AND
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE ON 12 JULY. IF DECOLONIZATION PROCESS
IS NOT HINDERED, TIMOR, IN KEEPING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 6/75, WILL ACCEDE TO FULL SOVEREIGNTY
IN 1978.

6. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THEREFORE HAS ABUNDANT REASONS TO
WELCOME FACT THAT PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION OF THOSE
PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH FULL SUCCESS
AND IN SUCH A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME.

7. HOWEVER, AS REGARDS ANGOLA, PRESENT SITUATION IS SUCH
AS TO CAUSE SERIOUS APPREHENSION TO PORTUGUESE GOVT.
ALVOR AGREEMENTS, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK
FOR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD UNTIL ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE,
WERE, FROM BEGGINNING, SUBJECT TO REPEATED VIOLATIONS BY
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THUS PROVING THAT THOSE MOVEMENTS
WERE INCAPABLE OF OVERCOMING THEIR DIFFERENCES AND ACTING
IN NATIONAL INTEREST OF ANGOLA. IT MUST BE NOTED
THAT THESE VIOLATIONS WERE EVEN ADMITTED BY LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS THEMSELVES AT SUMMIT MEETING IN NAKURU.

8. FURTHERMORE, THESE DIFFERENCES, WHICH HAVE LED TO AN
INTENSE POLITICAL CONFRONTATION AND A VERITABLE ARMED CONFLICT
CURRENTLY SPREADING THROUGHOUT TERRITORY, HAVE NECESSITATED
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALVOR AGREEMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE
BECOME INOPERATIVE.

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9. FACED WITH SITUATION IN ANGOLA, PORTUGUESE GOVT HAS
SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN A POLICY OF STRICT ACTIVE NEUTRALITY
WITHOUT ABDICATING ITS POLITICAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES
AS ADMINISTERING POWER, DEFENDING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF ANGOLA AGAINST SEPARATISM AND EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE AND
PROTECTING PERSONS AND PROPERTY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

10. THIS SITUATION, WHICH HAS DETERIORATED AT AN ACCELERATING PACE, HAS LED TO A BREAKDOWN OF GOVT MACHINERY AND ESSENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DETERIORATION, BRINGING TERRITORY ALMOST TO BRINK OF COLLAPSE AND AFFECTING EVEN MINIMUM PROVISIONING OF FOOD TO POPULATION.

11. THUS, PORTUGUESE GOVT, ESSENTIALLY CONCERNED WITH PROTECTION OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE, HAS BEEN COMPELLED IMMEDIATELY TO ADOPT EMERGENCY MEASURES. THESE MEASURES, AMONG OTHERS, CONSIST OF ATTRIBUTION, TO HIGH COMMISSIONER, OF NEW POWERS OTHER THAN THOSE CONFERRED ON HIM BY ALVOR AGREEMENTS, NAMELY TO SUPERINTEND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, TO EXERCISE LEGISLATIVE POWER AND TO DECLARE A STATE OF SIEGE WITH TOTAL OR PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES IN ONE OR MORE PARTS OF ANGOLAN TERRITORY.

12. ON OTHER HAND, A PLAN OF ASSISTANCE IS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY TO ENABLE AND SPEED UP EVACUATION OF ALL TOSE WHO WISH TO LEAVE TERRITORY FOR PORTUGAL OR ANOTHER COUNTRY. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, PORTUGUESE GOVT HOPES TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE, FROM UN AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, SUPPORT WHICH WILL NOW CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE REINFORCED, GIVEN MAGNITUDE OF TASK, WHICH EXCEEDS PORTUGAL'S POTENTIAL TO SOLVE PROBLEM.

13. BEARING THIS IN MIND, PORTUGUESE GOVT REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT UN WILL UNDERSTAND THE WELL-FOUNDED REASONS THAT LED PORTUGAL, AS ADMINISTERRING POWER, TO ADOPT THESE EMERGENCY MEASURES IN ANGOLA AND THAT UN WILL LEND ALL ITS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, ENABLING PORTUGAL TO COPE WITH SITUATION PREVAILING IN ANGOLA SO THAT A POLITICAL SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND RESPECTING COMMITMENTS TO TRANSFER POWERS ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED TIME SCHEDULE.

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